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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for August 13, 2001- August 24, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

The Senate is in Recess until September 4.

The House is in Recess until September 5.

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has tentatively scheduled a nominations hearing for August 27 on the nominations of Sharon Prost, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Terry Wooten, to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. (Scott-Finan)
- **FY 2002 Intelligence Authorization Legislation:** The Senate Intelligence Committee is finalizing its annual intelligence authorization bill and is scheduled to mark it up on September 6. Provisions that are being considered include changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and Title III wiretap law and broadened criminal sanctions for leaks of classified information. The Deputy Attorney General is scheduled to testify before this Committee on September 5 on the leaks provision. (Walter)

THIS WEEK

- **Wen Ho Lee:** Two chapters of the Bellows Report on the investigation into and draft FISA application concerning Dr. Wen Ho Lee will be released in response to a court order in Dr. Lee's Privacy Act lawsuit on August 13. Copies will be given to Congress and made available to the press on the same day. The entire 800-page report continues to be reviewed to redact privacy information. That review should be complete before the end of the month, at which time it will be provided to Congress and the public. (Walter)

## LAST WEEK

- **Nominations:** Notwithstanding a requirement under Rule 31, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate did not agree to hold all nominations in the status quo during the Senate recess. Therefore, all nominations were returned to the White House and will have to be retransmitted once the Senate returns in September. (Scott-Finan)
- **U.S./Mexico Migration:** On Thursday, August 9, staff from DOJ and State met with Sen. Dewine's office to discuss issues related to development of a temporary worker program and treatment of undocumented workers in the U.S. (D. Burton)
- **FBI Oversight:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has requested redacted copies of documents, which were previously made available for review by Committee staff, relating to oversight of the FBI and, particularly, management practices regarding whistleblowers. At this point, the Committee is most interested in the recommendations and decisions in the Justice Management Division (JMD) about disciplinary actions regarding FBI employees involved in the incident at Ruby Ridge and the ensuing internal investigations. OLA staff have been working with JMD representatives to redact the identities of the individuals named in several JMD documents, which are expected to be produced to the Committee this week. (F. Burton)